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MADISON BOROUGH REPORT.

A BOOM FOR THE ADVOCATES OF TOWN OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Now the Borough Gets Its Public Lights and Public Water Supply for Nothing—Receipts from Private Consumers Meet All Expenses—Can Other Places do the Same as Madison?

The borough of Madison in Morris County is a place of unusual importance to all persons who take more than a passing interest in municipal affairs.

The interest centering in Madison is due to the fact that municipal ownership of a water and light plant is in successful operation there. In all controversies in this vicinity over the practicability of municipal ownership of public utilities, Madison is sure to be pointed out by the advocates of municipal ownership as a practical demonstration of the success of their theory of municipal government.

The latest financial report of the borough of Madison appears to have further stimulated the advocates of municipal ownership, and that document has thus been reviewed and summarized by a Rutherford paper:

The report shows that the total receipts for water during the year were \$11,324.50; for light, \$15,021.31; for taps, \$362; making a grand total of \$26,707.81. The total expenses were \$17,747.97. The profit to the borough on water and light for the year was \$8,959.84. But this is not all, as a note shows. "The amount of \$8,959.84," says the report, "is earned after all expense for maintaining 502 street lights and 154 street hydrants have been paid. If we should estimate the street lights at a value of \$20 each, and the street fire hydrants at \$25 each, the borough receives a service of the value of \$13,890, which, added to the above profit of \$8,959.84 makes a total of \$22,849.84." Even laying aside any such financial calculation, the report shows that Madison's light and water plant cleared nearly \$9,000, and that the borough received its street lights and fire hydrants for nothing. Turning to another part of the report, we find that a total charge of some \$4,400 on water and light bonds has to be met, but this still leaves a balance in favor of the borough large enough to justify the belief that municipal ownership in Madison has proved very successful. The report further says: "The certificates of indebtedness for the improvement of the water and light plant have all been paid, and there remains only the original bonded indebtedness of \$115,000, which has all been refunded at 3 1/2 and 4 per cent."

We are aware of the danger of making comparisons without exact knowledge, but we believe that the total yearly receipts of the water company and the lighting company from the borough of Rutherford exceed \$30,000. If Rutherford could do as well as Madison, and we know of no reason why not—a municipal water and lighting plant here might reasonably be expected to earn \$10,000 a year and supply street lights and fire hydrants to the borough for nothing. Services for which the taxpayers now contribute some \$8,000 a year. The necessity for reduced taxation without any sacrifice of the conveniences of civilization is recognized by all who desire Rutherford to keep in the van of suburban towns. We firmly believe that the establishment of a municipal water and light plant would result in cutting down our tax rate without removing any one of the attractions of the borough; and we know of no other way under heaven to accomplish that desirable result.

Just one more point before leaving the Madison report. In the water and light plant expense account of \$17,747.97 are fifty-two items, mainly for labor and merchandise. In other words, most of that money was kept circulating in and around Madison, instead of being taken in bulk out of the community and distributed at a distance. If any man ventures to say that Rutherford would not be better off if the \$30,000 a year paid for light and water were distributed in our own community, the obvious comment is that for such a man local pride has no meaning and the logic of events no appeal. As Republicans we are staunch protectionists. It is about time that the strongest Republican town of its size in New Jersey realized that protection, like charity, begins at home, and that a mighty good way to emphasize the fact is to go in for municipal ownership of a water and lighting plant.

Keep in mind the coming musical event, the concert by Wm. C. Carl, the renowned organist, at the Park M. E. Church, Thursday evening, May 13th.—Advt.

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Base-Ball.

The High School base-ball team defeated the Passaic High School team Saturday morning by a score of 5 to 2. The game was very well played, there being only five errors against both teams, two for Bloomfield and three for Passaic. The score:

BLOOMFIELD	R	H	P	O	A	E
Tydeman, P. C. I.	0	1	0	0	0	0
R. Adams, I. B.	0	1	0	0	0	0
J. Adams, S. B.	1	2	4	2	0	0
Wolter, D. S.	1	0	0	0	0	0
King, D. S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence, S. A. C.	0	0	2	2	1	0
Jamison, F.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ackerman, C.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dillon, I. E.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	6	27	12	2	0

PASSAIC	R	H	P	O	A	E
Hammond, C. J.	0	1	2	0	0	0
Gardner, P.	0	0	1	3	0	0
Berry, J. B.	0	0	2	1	1	0
Boss, J. B.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Thimman, I.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Johnson, C. E.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kraus, I. B.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pratt, F.	0	0	2	0	0	0
Anderson, S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaeger, D.	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	17	8	1	0

Batted for Bean in ninth.
B. H. S. NOORE BY INNINGS
Passaic H. S. 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 0 3
Struck out—By Weber 3, by Gardner 1. Bases on balls—05, Weber 4, off Gardner 7. Wild pitches, Weber 1. Hit by pitched ball—Gardner 1.

The Suburban Athletic Club failed to meet the Watessing Club Saturday on the Arlington avenue grounds, much to the disappointment of a large crowd of spectators. The Watessings played a four inning game with a picked team, and won by a score of 8 to 0.

The Watessings will play the Forest Hill Field Club at Forest Hill this afternoon.

The High School base-ball team was defeated by South Orange High School Tuesday by the score of 11 to 10. The Bloomfield boys made many costly errors, but played a better game on the bases. The score:

BLOOMFIELD	R	H	P	O	A	E
Tydeman, C. F. A. S.	5	1	1	0	1	2
R. Adams, I. B.	0	0	1	0	0	0
J. Adams, S. B.	0	0	1	4	1	0
Wolter, D. S.	0	0	2	2	2	1
King, D. S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence, S. A. C.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jamison, F.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ackerman, C.	0	2	2	10	3	0
Maxwell, F.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weber, D. S.	0	2	0	1	2	0
Totals	45	10	7	27	12	11

SOUTH ORANGE	R	H	P	O	A	E
Friday, C.	0	1	1	0	1	2
Fryer, D. S.	0	1	0	1	2	1
Gunning, I. B.	0	1	3	13	0	1
Frederick, C. F.	0	0	1	1	2	0
Murphy, P.	0	0	1	1	2	0
Goldsmith, A.	0	0	0	0	2	1
Hilborn, S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolter, F.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hughes, R. F.	0	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	41	11	8	27	11	5

Bloomfield 45 10 7 27 12 11
South Orange 41 11 8 27 11 5
Struck out—By Weber 4, by Murphy 11.
Struck out—By Weber 2, by Murphy 7.

Trolley Cars Collide.

Two trolley cars on the Passaic and Orange Valley Railroad were badly damaged and several of the passengers were slightly bruised and shaken up in a head-on collision at Dodd and Sherman streets, Orange, Sunday afternoon. It is thought the motormen of both cars pulled their signal boxes at the same time, which gave each the impression that he had the right of way on the single track where the collision occurred.

There is a sharp curve at Dodd and Sherman streets. Car No. 207 was coming from this town in charge of Motorman Michael Dietrich, while car No. 212 was running in the opposite direction. It was in charge of Christopher Freeman. Dietrich saw the danger point and reversed his power, but Freeman, it is said, was running his car at considerable speed and the car run by Dietrich was hurled back several feet.

The fronts of both cars were demolished and the passengers who filled both vehicles were thrown in all directions. A few of them were slightly bruised by being hurled against the sides of the cars.

An Oyster Full of Pearls.

Frank L. Baker, letter carrier, went into Walter M. Hopler's oyster store on Wednesday night and had eaten a number of oysters when suddenly his teeth sank into a luscious bivalve and struck against a hard substance. Mr. Baker was about to expostulate with Mr. Hopler for not properly opening the oyster, when he was astonished to find a pearl as large as a pea. Further investigation revealed the fact that the oyster was full of little pearls, some of them no larger than a pinhead. There were at least twenty-five of them, and Mr. Baker thinks he lost a number of them on the floor.

Lucky Thirteen.

George Peterson, former Chairman of the Town Council, recently purchased a setting of thirteen eggs from a Caldwell farmer and set them under a hen well known for her steady habits. Tuesday the chicks came out, and very much to the surprise of Mr. Peterson there were fourteen little chirpers. Mr. Peterson rubbed his eyes to see if he was awake and then counted the chicks one by one, repeating this several times. Then he had Mrs. Peterson count them. There were certainly fourteen of them. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are both positive that the original setting consisted of thirteen eggs. They are puzzled to know where the fourteenth chicken emanated from.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Held Its Organization Meeting Monday Night—Thomas Oakes Re-elected President and W. A. Baldwin Clerk—The Meeting Marked by Some Free Expressions of Opinion on Questions of School Policy.

The Board of Education organized Monday night electing Thomas Oakes, President, and William A. Baldwin, Clerk. The following committees were appointed: Finance and Supplies, Wm. A. Baldwin, Charles F. Kocher; Instruction, Dr. William R. Broughton, Frank E. Stone; Maintenance, Joseph F. Vogellus, Samuel Elmer; Building, Charles W. Martin, Samuel Elmer; Members of Board of School Estimate, Thomas Oakes, Dr. William R. Broughton; Board of Examiners, Joseph M. Mann and William R. Broughton; Superintendent of Schools, William E. Chancellor.

The meeting of the Board was marked by frank and free expressions of opinion on matters of school policy. Mr. Oakes alluded to his position in the recent vote on the question of annexation to Newark. That, he said, would not make a particle of difference in his attitude toward the public schools. He would continue to take the same close, active personal interest in all that pertained to the schools as he had done for the past twenty-five years.

Mr. Baldwin took the opportunity to express himself upon a matter that a few people have talked a great deal about of late, namely, the position of Clerk of the School Board and the accompanying salary of \$600 per annum. Mr. Baldwin enumerated the duties of the clerk and claimed that the School Clerk had more vouchers to attend to than the Town Clerk. Mr. Baldwin frankly told the members of the Board that if any other member wanted the position he was perfectly willing to step down and out; or if any member wanted an outside man for clerk the law allowed the selection of such a man, and it would be agreeable to him. If the Board wanted further time to consider the matter and look around for an outside man, Mr. Baldwin said, there was ample time to do so, as the clerk need not of necessity be elected Monday night.

The discussion of the amount of the appropriation to be asked for by the Board of School Estimate was another topic that called forth some straightforward questions as the several sub-committees stated the amounts they would need for the ensuing year. The tendency of the Board was towards the enforcement of strict economy.

Quick Fire Work.

The Sprague Electric Company's fire department, under the management of Chief Engineer Noll, recently performed a notable achievement in the line of fire duty in a manner that elicited the admiration and praise of professional firemen. It is the practice at the Sprague works to give the men occasional practice in fire drill. The call to fire duty is liable to be sounded at any time, and the members of the four companies drop all work in hand and rush to their respective duties as firemen.

At the most recent fire call Chief Noll had the fire hose in operation in just twenty-five seconds from the sounding of the alarm. A representative of the Stanley Electric Works who was present and witnessed the quick and efficient drill work, gave the men great praise. The members of the Sprague Electric Company's fire department are soon to be supplied with badges, and the department is going to have a street parade.

Back from Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Kocher were among the cabin passengers of the steamer Deutschland, which arrived in New York from Cherbourg Thursday afternoon. While the steamer was still many miles from Nantucket lightship Mr. Kocher sent a wireless message informing his people here that he would be home Thursday evening. He is greatly benefitted in health by his trip abroad. The passengers on the Deutschland got news of the Japanese victory on the Yula while in mid-ocean by means of the wireless telegraph system. Mr. Kocher was enthusiastic in his praise of that system. It was one of the interesting features of the voyage he says. Messages were constantly reaching the ship for cabin passengers and from passing steamers. On the homeward trip the Deutschland was compelled to veer about 400 miles from her course on account of a great drift of ice-burys.

Mrs. Gustavson, recently of New York city solicits dreammaking. Children's work a specialty. 111 Harrison street, Bloomfield, N. J.—Advt.

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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Town Council Regularly Organized Saturday Night—Appointments Made and Other Detail Work Attended to—The Sub-Committees for the Ensuing Year Named by Chairman Fisher.

The Town Council for the municipal year 1904-05 organized Saturday night. All members of the Council were present except Mr. Farrand. Many interested spectators were present.

Chairman George Fisher, in calling the Council meeting to order, said that the important duty confronting the members of the Council and all other town officials was to keep down the tax rate. He expressed the hope that every sub-committee would make a strenuous effort to keep within the appropriations. "If any members of the Council," said Mr. Fisher, "have personal differences I hope they will keep them outside of this Council and not let them interfere with Councilmanic work."

The Council then proceeded to the appointment of officials. On motion of Councilman W. F. Harrison, Charles H. Halfpenny was appointed Town Attorney; Councilman Murray named Dr. J. S. Wolfe for Town Physician; Councilman Hepburn named Harry Cooper for Superintendent of Public Works; Councilman Chabot named Louis M. Collins for Chief of Police, and George W. Cadmus for Police Recorder, and Ernest Baechlin for Town Engineer; Councilman Green named James Y. Noll for Chief of the Fire Department; Chairman Fisher named R. T. Cadmus for Member of the Board of Commissioners of Appeal; James J. Thompson and William A. Ritscher, Jr., for Members of the Board of Health, and Alexander McNair and George Berry for Pound Masters.

The salaries of the town officials were fixed the same as last year with the exception of the Town Engineer, who is to be paid \$1,000 per annum instead of at the rate of one dollar per hour for actual work done. The Bloomfield Citizen was named as the official paper.

The date of Council meetings was fixed for the first and third Mondays of each month. The following sub-committees were appointed by Chairman Fisher:

Auditing, Murray and Chabot.
Finance, Printing and Supplies, Farrand and Green.
Fire, Green and Chabot.
Lighting, Green and Chabot.
Maps and Surveys, Chabot and Harrison.
Roads and Bridges, Murray and Chabot.
Public Grounds, Hepburn and Murray.
Baths and Docks, Hepburn and Farrand.
Snows and Cosewalks, Green and Hepburn.
Sewer, Farrand and Chabot.
Water, Harrison and Farrand.

The Carl Concert.

Arrangements have been completed for the appearance of William C. Carl in the Park M. E. Church, Thursday evening, May 12, and the announcement of his playing again in his native town, is creating a lively interest among his many friends and the musical public. Fourteen years ago, Mr. Carl sailed for Europe to complete his musical education in Paris, and since his return, has had phenomenal success, having already made three concert tours to the Pacific coast, and last summer went to the Klondike to display a new organ. He has appeared at nearly all the great expositions for many years, and will appear at the St. Louis Exposition this year in a series of concerts.

In New York city Mr. Carl has played over one hundred recitals, and on Tuesday evening last over one thousand persons are estimated to have been turned away, unable to gain admittance, so great is his popularity in the metropolis.

The programme at the Park M. E. Church will be made up of brilliant selections and especially arranged for this concert. The assisting artists are Mrs. Ellen Fletcher Caples, solo soprano of the First Presbyterian Church, New York, a singer of marked ability, and who is winning many laurels for her artistic singing; Mr. Andreas Schneider, baritone, recently returned from Berlin, Germany, will also appear. Mr. Schneider has achieved remarkable success for his singing in opera, oratorio and concert, and is one of the most popular singers now before the public.

It is expected that a large audience will be in attendance, as the concert bids fair to be one of the best ever given here.

Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows.

Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows will pitch their tents in this town. The Big Shows will arrive here on Monday, May 9, requiring two trains to transport the shows. An exhibition organized under business principles, intelligently conducted, honestly advertised and enterprisingly produced, unequalled in all that is grand and magnificent. The world's contributions assembled and exhibited under acres of sun and waterproof canvas. Representatives from the jungles, plains and forests, the most varied menagerie ever assembled; contributions from the four quarters of the world. Animals whose education has been perfected beyond the expectations of the most sanguine and a delightful and continuous carnival of wonderful exploits by the cream of the circus profession.

A Glen Ridge Sensation.

Dr. W. H. H. Bull left Glen Ridge a few days ago saying he was going to Bellefontaine, Ohio, to visit his mother. Mrs. W. H. H. Bull and her mother have left Glen Ridge saying they were going to spend the summer in Europe. Creditors of Dr. Bull have recently taken legal proceedings for the collection of claims against the doctor. The impression has gained ground that, owing to domestic and financial troubles Dr. Bull's absence from Glen Ridge will be permanent. The New York Herald says:

"Glen Ridge was greatly impressed by the numerous turnouts which the physician had, and it was supposed that his practice was a profitable one. Within the last six months, however, suits were brought against him for bills. His automobile was attached for repairs at a garage in Bloomfield, where it still remains, and tradesmen acquired his horses one by one."

"Dealers who presented bills were told that they must wait. It developed that all his books and instruments were covered by a chattel mortgage given to Robert M. Boyd of Montclair, who had advanced Dr. Bull \$1,000 with which to buy the practice of Dr. John Wilson of Bloomfield."

"Mrs. Bull refused to intervene. Constables attached the instrument case and the library, and she retreated to the upper part of the house after pointing out the effects which were solely hers."

"There was a stormy interview two weeks ago, which, it is said, was about financial matters. Mrs. Bull packed her trunks and went to the home of her sister, Mrs. George W. Hulsart, where her mother was then residing. She and Mrs. Tolley left town three days ago, saying they would probably spend the summer in Europe."

"The doctor's secretary and her family are not in Glen Ridge. The physician was last seen by his neighbors a week ago last Friday. He was living in the house where his life was made uncomfortable by the demands of creditors, and a week ago last Sunday morning he was seen by an acquaintance on the Ninth Avenue Elevated Railroad in this city. He said that his mother, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, was very ill and that he was going to her."

"The person with whom he conversed left the car at Eighty-first street and the physician proceeded toward Harlem."

"As far as can be learned, no members of the Tolley family have heard of him for ten days. Mrs. Brown, whose front parlor Dr. Bull occupied as his office, said that she would not permit the constables to make a warehouse of her home for the benefit of the physician's creditors, and she would have everything thrown into the street unless they were removed."

First Regular Meeting.

The first regular session of the new Town Council was held Monday night, when a letter was read from Theodore Mack, complaining of ball playing in Charles street ground by boys. He said they used profane language; that their conduct was unbearable, and that they disturbed the peace of the neighborhood. The complaint was referred to the Police Committee with power.

Former Councilman William Douglas Moore was appointed a member of the Board of Assessors to fill the unexpired term of Henry P. Dodd, resigned.

The surface water drain constructed at Baylis and Smith streets was objected to as being an obstruction to vehicles. Wright L. Gilbert, who appeared for the property owners in that vicinity, urged the council to take immediate action to abate the alleged nuisance. Councilman Chabot declared that the street at that point was not at grade. Mr. Gilbert thereupon declared that the grade was established, and warned the council against changing it. He said that if the grade was altered property owners who had erected homes in the vicinity and graded to the established line would fight the case in the courts. The matter was finally referred to the Road Committee.

Warren E. Stickie, of Brookside place, an employee of the Public Service Corporation, was appointed a special constable, without compensation.

The council will make an inspection of the roads this week to ascertain what repairs are needed.

A transfer of the liquor license of the late William Ashworth to his son, John Ashworth, was granted.

Chief of Police Collins reported eighteen arrests during April and \$30 in fines collected. In view of the fact that the Essex Crosstown Railway, which is after a franchise, owes the town \$80 for advertising, Councilman Harrison recommended that further action on the application be laid over until the next meeting.

Cranberry Lake Opens May 30. Secret societies, pleasure clubs and organizations of all kinds contemplating outings for the summer should investigate Cranberry Lake before contemplating for excursions elsewhere. For particulars ask any Lackawanna agent, or address T. W. Lee, general passenger agent, New York city, or Guy Adams, division passenger agent, Newark, N. J.—Advt.

CIVICS UNION.

THE NAME ADOPTED BY A CITIZENS' ORGANIZATION

That is to Take an Active Interest in Municipal Affairs—Will Differ from the Board of Trade in that it will not be Debarred from Political Activity—Many Citizens Interested in the New Project.

A gathering of citizens of this town was held at the residence of H. G. Disbrow, Belleville avenue, on Tuesday evening, April 26. Municipal affairs were the chief themes of discussion. The general sentiment of those present was that a more active and direct interest ought to be taken by the citizens of the town in public affairs. It was decided then and there to endeavor to arouse such interest through the medium of an organized body of citizens. The proposed organization was to differ in one respect from the present Board of Trade in that as an organization it would not be debarred from discussing matters from a political standpoint, and also of taking active participation in local politics. For the purpose of carrying out the generally expressed desire of the meeting a committee was appointed to take the matter of organization in hand and devise a plan. The committee consisted of W. S. S. Rowland, H. G. Disbrow, Ellis Williamson, William Biggart, George W. Cook, E. F. Adams and F. M. Hinkle. The committee held a meeting on Tuesday evening, May 3, and discussed such matters as that of a name for the organization, constitution and by-laws, and the scope of work to which the organization would devote its energies.

It was agreed that the organization should be known as "The Civics Union of Bloomfield," a very appropriate name, and one that will be likely to bring the organization in touch with the Civics Federation. A constitution and by-laws were drafted. Mr. Rowland was elected chairman of the organization committee and Mr. Hinkle secretary. When the subject of laying out a field of work for the organization was reached the discussion became animated, and it was evident from the expressions of opinion by the several members of the committee that there was ample territory to work in, and the organization need not lack topics for discussion.

It is understood that one of the things that the Civics Union proposes to devote early attention to is the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation. There has been much talk to the effect that if the assessments in this town were equalized the tax rate would be lower. It is perfectly proper, and at present almost necessary, that some such body as the Civics Union should investigate the matter of assessments, and should make a report of its proceedings. Individuals have from time to time taken a glance over the tax duplicate, and with but meagre information as a basis have formulated their own conclusions and spread absurd reports that are in the main erroneous and misleading. The testimony of taxing officials, who have had occasion to review the Bloomfield assessments and compare the work done here with that done in other towns, have given great credit to the local Board of Assessors for the excellence and fairness of their work. There appears to be a wide difference between official and non-official opinion upon the subject of assessments. A committee of the Civics Union will be given opportunity to meet with the Board of Assessors for the express purpose of discussing the subject of assessments. The Civics Union will also be able to stimulate an interest in the matter of prompt payment of taxes.

New Railroad Opened.

The Morristown and Erie Railroad, which connects Essex Fells and Morristown, is now completed, save ballasting the roadbed, and a train of two cars, drawn by a Lackawanna engine, passed over the road on Tuesday afternoon. Richard McEwin, with members of his family, made the trip, which was taken for the purpose of inspecting the bridge. The road, which opens up some of the most beautiful country in northern New Jersey, is about twelve miles long, and connects the towns of Essex Fells, Hanover, Hanover Neck, Whippany, Troy, Pine Brook, Lower Montville and Morristown. The country lying between the Whippany and Passaic is particularly picturesque.

The rights-of-way for the new road were secured through Lambert Spear of Caldwell early in the spring of 1903, and operations were begun the following June. The work was interrupted last winter owing to the severity of the weather. The time from Morristown to New York by the new route will be about the same as that of the Lackawanna until the connecting of Verona and Montclair by means of the projected tunnel route shall have been completed, when the time will be reduced by about twenty minutes.

